

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application with Claims 1, 6 and 11 being the independent claims. In the Office Action, Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0029560 A1 (Delchini).

Regarding the Examiner's rejection of independent Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), the Examiner states that Delchini teaches all the elements of Claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect. Delchini teaches a computer farm having a bus and several processor cards mounted on the bus. Moreover, Delchini teaches an address of a memory area (which the Examiner apparently equates with the target board ID as recited in the claims) is predefined for each location of the bus which may receive a processor card (paragraph 9). In other words, Delchini teaches that the address of a processor card in the farm is dependent upon its physical location on the bus. For example, as taught by Delchini, if a processor card is moved from one physical location of the bus to another physical location of the bus, then the address of the processor card is also changed.

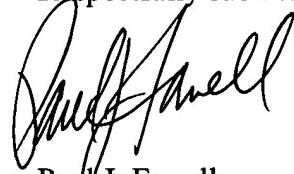
In contrast, Claims 1 and 6 each recite a target board ID (as opposed to an address on a bus) which is neither taught nor suggested by Delchini. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) of Claims 1 and 6 be withdrawn.

Regarding the Examiner's rejection of Claim 11, Claim 11 has been amended further clarify the claim. Accordingly, in light of the amendments to Claim 11, for at least the same reasons as set forth above with respect to the rejection of Claims 1 and 6, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) of Claim 11 be withdrawn.

It is thus respectfully requested that the rejections under 35 USC §102(a) be withdrawn and Claims 1 and 6 and Claim 11 as amended, be allowed. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-5, 7-10 and 12 it is respectfully submitted that they are allowable by virtue of their dependencies on independent Claims 1, 6 and 11.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims of the application as presented herein are in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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